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You talk about trouble,
An' won't understand
That Joy's just a step
From the troublesome land!
He's there, with his fiddle,
An' leadin the band,
An' he'll give you the top o' the mornin'!

You talk about trouble,
As if it were all
That comes to the folks
On this sky-rollin' ball,
When Joy plays a dance tune
From springtime to fall,
An' gives you the top o' the mornin'!

Sometimes when old Trouble
Is blockin' the way
A feller can fright him
By shoutin' "Hooray!"
While darkness, a-dancin',
Swings corners with Day,
An' gives you the top o' the mornin'!
—Atlanta Constitution.

A Dog's Long Trip

Thin and gaunt, and with no other instinct to guide him save the memory of a warm kennel, good food and an occasional caress, a little Scotch collie dog sold to a man at Valentine, Neb., returned five hundred miles to its former master in Des Moines.

Just how long the dog was making the distance has not yet been ascertained, but with unerring instinct he made his way over hill and prairie, through timber and across rivers, finally arriving at Des Moines, where he was given a hearty welcome, a warm kennel and a hot bowl of milk for a starter.

Five weeks before a man from Valentine, Neb., saw the collie, bought him and took it back with him to Valentine.

After the collie left his new home he was seen at Fremont, Neb., where some boys threw stones at him while he was stealing a meal from a back door. This was the report until he appeared in Des Moines.

His master was awakened by a slight scratching at the front door. On opening it he saw a shaggy, thin, dirty little collie. He soon recognized his former pet, however, and declares he would not now part with the animal for twice its value.—Our Dumb Animals.

Steel

The annual report of the Steel Trust showing net earnings of \$156,000,000 for 1906 would not be possible without the tariff which makes American steel rails \$6 a ton cheaper in Turkey than in Indiana. Yet it is none the less a gratifying proof of a very general prosperity throughout the country. Steel is in these days as truly an index of the exuberant growth of national resources as wheat or cotton; and to surpass in its use and production France, Germany and Great Britain combined is no trifle.—New York World.

Hardships of a Deacon

The Osborne "Farmer's" "Village Deacon" is greatly worried. He says if he stops moralizing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union starts the report that he has backslid, and if he goes it a trifle strong the Elks talk of expelling him.—Kansas City Star.

Progressional Pride

"What's all that squabbling about down there?" the contractor asked. "The man that runs the steam-roller insists on being called a chauffeur," was the reply.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Imported Gravel

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